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March 11, 2008

The Honorable Jim Weiers  
Speaker of the House  
Arizona House of Representatives  
1700 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2857; FY 07-08 Budget Adjustments

Dear Speaker Weiers:

I am forwarding with my veto House Bill 2857, pertaining to a legislative freeze on state government's access to and use of certain fiscal year 2007-2008 appropriations.

Last September, I released a comprehensive budget management plan that addressed the state's budget shortfalls and balanced the 2008 budget. Since then, I have regularly updated and adjusted my management plan and shared those plans with the legislature. Now we are over seven weeks into the legislative session and House Bill 2857 is the only bill you have delivered to me related to Arizona's now estimated \$1.2 billion budget deficit. This bill, which lacks bipartisan support and addresses less than half of the budget shortfall amount, is wholly inadequate.

We cannot congratulate ourselves and think we have made progress by piecemeal attempts like House Bill 2857. We fool no one. Arizonans deserve a comprehensive fiscal plan that resolves the expected budget deficits of fiscal year 2008 and 2009.

I call on the legislature to work with me on a comprehensive, bipartisan plan that provides for Arizona's future, taking into account our current realities. I continue to make myself available to meet with you so we may produce a reasonable fiscal plan for Arizona together.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Janet Napolitano  
Governor

JN:LK/jm

cc: The Honorable Timothy S. Bee  
The Honorable Tom Boone

Passed the House March 6, 20 08

by the following vote: 33 Ayes,

24 Nays, 3 Not Voting

[Signature]  
Speaker of the House

[Signature]  
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 6, 20 08

by the following vote: 17 Ayes,

13 Nays, 4 Not Voting

[Signature]  
President of the Senate

[Signature]  
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

10th day of March, 20 08

at 5:56 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

at VETO o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 11 day of March, 20 08

at 9:45 o'clock A. M.

[Signature]  
Secretary of State

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